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THE CATS' LAIR



HAVE WE GOT AN ISSUE FOR YOU THIS WEEK! 'Course we have – as evidenced by the 24 pages you hold in your hot little hands! But it's what's within these 24 pages that makes **THUNDERCATS 54** such a milestone in the Chronicles of Third Earth. To begin with, we've the concluding part of *Excalibur*, which brings our intrepid felines face-to-face with the legendary King Arthur – or so they think! Our *Mini-Poster* is the request of Helen Andrews of Northampton and Nazir Mistry of Roehampton – and after another helping of *Thunder-Chat*, we've the very first in a series we've been promising since Snarf was knee-high to a Lucifer beetle – *Thunder-Art!* Everyone's favourite letters page host finally burrows his way out from under the teetering mound of sketches and drawings we've received from you over the past year, and the results of his efforts can be seen on page 18. Busy those birds and get your entry in soon! Snarf also succeeds in hogging the rest of the issue, as, on page 19, we present a special 3-page solo story – *Unforgettable Snarf!* Remember the secret tunnel used by the 'Cats to escape the marauding Metokangmi in issue 41? Here's how it got there! Out of breath yet? No? Then tune into the last in our *Fact-File* series on page 22. Mumm-Ra will be terribly disappointed if you don't – and you know how he hates disappointments! Oh yeah – there's also *One Cat And His Cod*, hanging on by their fins and claws on page 23. **THUNDERCATS 54** – all this and a back cover too!

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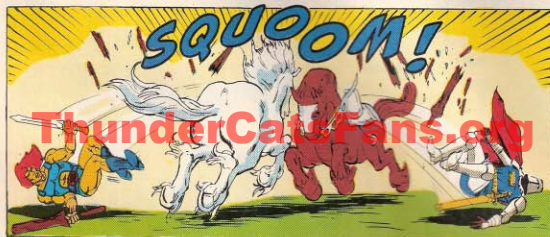
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EXCALIBUR!

Cats' Lair is thrown into confusion by the arrival of King Arthur, legendary hero of a bygone age. The fame of Arthur and his mystic sword, Excalibur, has spread even to Third Earth, but the Thundercats are mystified when the warrior king challenges Lion-O to a joust...







HONOUR LEARNS FROM SACRIFICE AND HUMILITY! THIS VAIN BATTLE IS FRUITLESS!

DO YOU HEAR ME?

GZZNRRR

I HEAR YOU BEGGING FOR MERCY!



I HEAR WHIMPERING!



VICTORY ALONE IS NOT HONOUR!

IT'S REALITY! I DEAL IN REALITY!

CRANKE



HONOUR COMES FROM INSIDE THE HEART! L-O-V-E!

I CAN SPELL! I'M A KNIGHT!

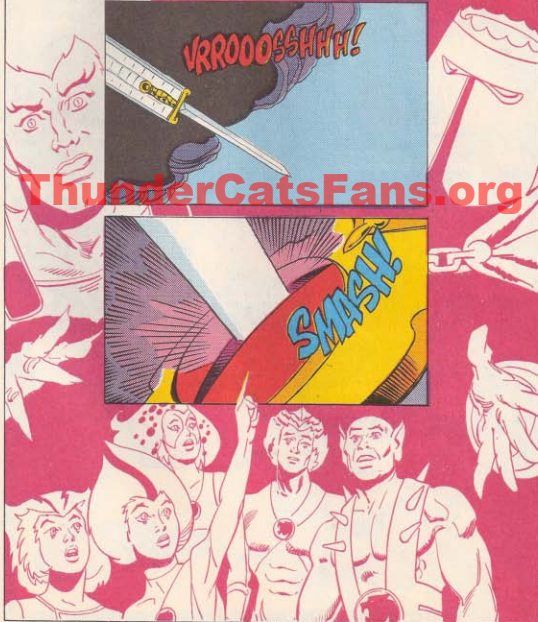
SKKRONNS!



ARRRRRRRR







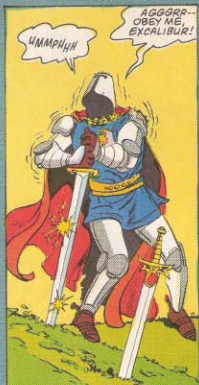




YES, LION-O! MUMM-RA!
NOW YOU WILL FEEL
EXCALIBUR'S BLADE--
AND THIRD EARTH WILL
BE MINE, FOREVER!

UNNN!

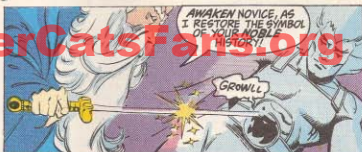
MUMM-RA?!



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FOOLY DID YOU RECKON
THINK THAT THE GREATEST
SWORD OF ALL TIME WOULD
SERVE YOUR EVIL
SELFISHNESS?!!!



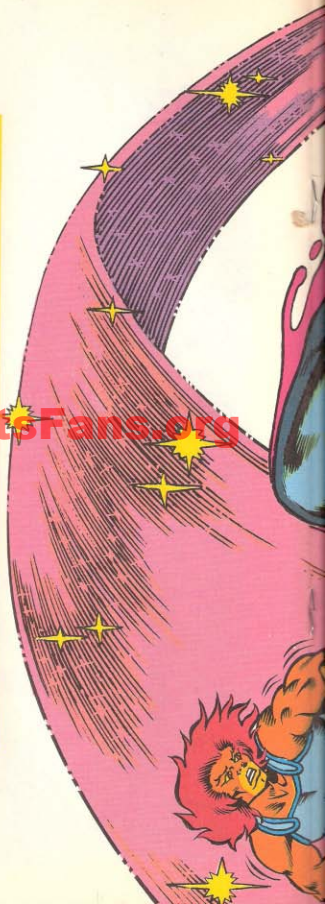




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MINI-POSTER N°33

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*Keep Moving!
Panthro*

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*Best Wishes
from Third
Earth!
Lion-O*

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**PIN-UP
PAGE**

*Good
Luck!
Snarf*



Guess you could always cover your eyes when you get to page 23, and peep between your fingers at *One Cat And His Cod...*

SNARF'S SWAPS

Attention, Thunderfans! To place an ad in *Snarf's Swaps*, simply copy out the details of your swaps as they appear below on the back of a postcard or sealed envelope. Then send them to us – but DON'T send us the swaps themselves – this is strictly between you Thunderfans. Got it? Then go to it!

Swap: Cheetara (good condition, all weapons)

Wanted: Panthro (good condition, all weapons)

Contact: Kelvin Partridge, 11 Trafford Estate, West Walton, Wisbeck PE14 70T

Swap: Leech (good condition)

Wanted: Lion-O (good condition)

Contact: Darren Sewell, 88 Sycamore Avenue, Wyomdham NR18 0HF

Swap: Hachiman (good condition, all weapons)

Wanted: Snowman of Hook Mountain (good condition, all weapons)

Contact: Simon Fraser, 8 Killington Drive, Heron Hill, Cumbria LA93 NY

Swap: Thundercats stickers 3, 5, 12, (x2) 15, 16, 18, 26, (x2) 38, 40, 42, (x2) 46, 50, 52, 54, 60, (x2) 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 74, 76, 77, 84, 91, 93, 95, 106, 123, 130, 131, 134, 116, 125, (x2) 134, 139, 141, 145, 147, 149, 150, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, (x2) 163, 165, 168, (x2) 173, 177, (x2) 183, 190, 191, 194, 195, 199, 201, 208, 210, 211, (x2) 216, 234, 235, (x2) 238, (x3) 248, 259, (x2) 262, 263

Wanted: THUNDERCATS issue 26

Contact: Edward Whitehurst, 31 Rosengrave Street, Derby DE1 1PR

Dear Cheetara

You are my favourite Thundercat. I really enjoy reading your comic. Could you please ask Lion-O if he plays with lions? Lion-O is my second favourite Thundercat. I have some questions to ask you:

- 1) Does Lion-O like you?
- 2) How do you keep so fit?
- 3) Why does Snarf keep saying his name?
- 4) Why is Jaga wise?

Rachael

Newcastle Under Lyne

Cheetara likes you too, Rachael! Lion-O probably would play with lions, but so far we haven't found any on Third Earth!

1) Lion-O likes all of us!

2) Cheetara takes a morning run every day – she's also got a very good workout video!

3) 'Cause it's music to my ears! Snarf! Snarf!

4) Old people are always wise, Rachael – hadn't you noticed?

TOP CATS

Best Cover: Issue 47

Best Story: Rampage

Best Artist: Geoff Senior

Best Writer: Ian Rimmer

Best Issue: No. 48

Top Cats selections by Beverley Braverman of Doncaster

Dear Snarf

I would like to know why in nearly every issue of **THUNDERCATS** I've got there is *Sight Beyond Sight*. I hate it! I like *One Cat And His Cod* though.
Gary Robinson

Glad to hear it, Gary. *Sight Beyond Sight* is in every week's THUNDERCATS because we use it as a teaser for what happens next issue.

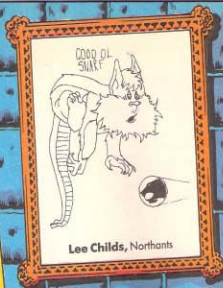


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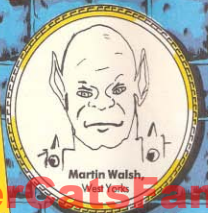
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ARTISTS...HO!
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A THIRD EARTH GALLERY
OF YOUR AWESOME ART-
WORK. SEND YOUR
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AND REMEMBER, DRAW
IN BLACK INK ON
WHITE PAPER!



Lee Childs, Northants



Jason Morgan, Sth. Wales



Martin Walsh,
West Yorks



Norman Liu, Birmingham



Elsbeth Thomson, Works



David Harris, Kent

UNFORGETTABLE SNARF!

THIRD EARTH, THUNDERCAT LEADER LION-O AND HIS CONSTANT COMPANION SNARF HAVE DISCOVERED SECRET EXCAVATIONS MADE BY THEIR ENEMIES...

AT EM, LION-O?
SNARF! SNARF!

WHAT'S THE
TUNNEL FOR,
S-S-SLITHE-
YOU MUTANTS
DIGGING IN
FOR WINTER?









THUNDERCATS

FACT FILE

NO
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NAME: Mumm-Ra, The Ever Living

PLACE OF BIRTH: The Planet Third Earth

HEIGHT: (Mummy form) 5'2"
(transformed) 7'4"

WEIGHT: (Mummy form) 79lbs
(transformed) 300lbs

EYES: Red

HAIR: None

Ever living or not, Mumm-Ra is a little over a thousand years old, a relative youngster by Third Earth standards. The seventh son of Shapeshade the Mystic, himself a seventh son, Mumm-Ra showed signs of supernatural power from an early age. When Shapeshade discovered the true extent of his son's powers, it was already too late. Mumm-Ra banished his father and six brothers to the Cave of the Vortex, condemning them to wander forever in Third Earth's distant past. He next decreed the building of a mighty Onyx Pyramid, as the focus of his evil powers. Disguising himself as wise Pharaoh Ka-Rey Bar, Mumm-Ra held all of Third Earth in a reign of terror for almost five hundred years, until the great Rammastide uprising. The peoples of Third Earth banded together against the ancient devil priest, exiling him to the Onyx Pyramid for all time. There Mumm-Ra waits – and plots – to destroy the Thundercats, steal the Sword of Omens – and rule again!

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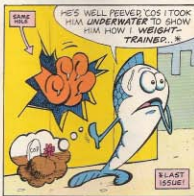


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ONE CAT AND HIS COD

BY IAN RIMMER
AND
NICK ABADZIS



THUNDER...THUNDER...THUNDER...



 **THUNDERCATS** *HO!* 

EVERY WEEK FROM MARVEL!